

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1765
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE CITIES

†1765.SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is developing the major pilgrimage cities of the country under any special action plan;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether a number of cities of Uttar Pradesh including Mathura are being developed under the said special action plan; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism under its scheme viz. National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for creation of pilgrimage and/or heritage tourism infrastructure at the pre-identified destinations across the country. It is a Central Sector Scheme fully financed by the Government of India. Identification of the destinations and approval of projects under the Scheme is a continuous process, which is done on receipt of suitable project proposals from the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in line with the Scheme Guidelines.

(c) & (d): On the basis of the proposals received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, total six projects have been approved under the scheme for the State, as listed in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1765 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE CITIES.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Cr. ₹		Status
			Project Cost	Funds released	
1	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	Complete
2	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	2014-15	9.36	9.36	Complete
3	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	20.40	16.32	Complete
4	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	Complete
5	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77	Complete
6	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP	2018-19	39.74	30.97	>90%
